



## **Brownfields 2017 Job Training Grant Fact Sheet**

### ***Oregon Tradeswomen Inc., Columbia/Williamette Industrial Corridor, OR***

#### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant funds are provided to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit, train, and place residents from solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities, including low-income and minority, unemployed, and underemployed individuals. To date, EPA has funded 274 job training grants totaling over \$57 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. As of May 2017, more than 16,300 individuals have completed training, and of those, almost 12,000 have obtained employment in the environmental field, an average starting wage of over \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 73% since the program was created in 1998.

#### **Job Training Grant**

*\$200,000.00*

EPA has selected Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. for an Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant. Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. plans to train 50 students and place at least 40 graduates in environmental jobs. The core training program includes 74 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, solid waste management, innovative and alternative treatment technologies awareness, awareness of environmental justice and brownfields in the community, Portland Harbor Superfund curriculum, OSHA 10-hour safety, building trades training, and environmental career planning. In addition, all students will receive 112 hours of in-kind job readiness and life skills training, and elective courses in asbestos abatement and lead renovation, repair, and painting. Participants who complete the training program will earn five state or federal certifications. Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. is targeting low-income women, including single mothers, women of color, women veterans, and women ex-offenders in the Columbia/Williamette Industrial Corridor. Key partners include the Portland Brownfields Program, Portland Community College, Verde, Worksystem, Native American Youth and Family Association, Urban League, and several environmental and community-based organizations.

#### **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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